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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

Enclosed is a copy of a PCT International Search Report identifying the references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement. The PCT International Search Report has a mailing date of May 31, 2002. Therefore, I hereby certify that the references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited for the first time in a communication from a foreign patent office in a related foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this

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Information Disclosure Statement. Furthermore, in the event a patent term adjustment is requested, pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.704, Applicants submit that the references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were received from a foreign patent office in a related foreign application not more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of the first Official Action in this case. Therefore, Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker & Botts, L.L.P.

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